

Their Married Life.

THE THIRD YEAR.

BY MABEL HERBERT URNER.

"Oh, yes, at the end of the season they all show handling," admitted the saleswoman, as she carelessly threw a filmy chiffon evening gown on a chair with half a dozen others. "We can't show them to a string of customers every day and keep them fresh."

"But the heads are all coming off this one," protested Helen, picking up a pearl bead from the floor. "That's why it's reduced so much. That was one of our best French models," glancing at the ticket. "It's been marked down from \$185 to \$75. This one's in better condition," pulling out one from underneath, "but of course it hasn't been cut so much—\$85 from \$110."

"Yes, but that pink's too deep and the trimming too heavy," criticized Helen. "I like this much better," taking up the pale pink, hardly more than flesh-colored chiffon. "Suppose we take some of these in the fitting room and try them on," suggested Helen.

Helen hesitated. She always felt that if she tried on a thing she was in a way under obligation to buy it. She had no sympathy with women who, regardless of the time of the clerk and the wear on gowns themselves, would try on half a dozen models and then calmly walk off, complaining that none of them was quite what was "wanted."

Trying on the Gowns. But the saleswoman had already thrown the gowns over her arm and now led the way to a fitting room nearby. Helen followed reluctantly. "We'll try this one first," briskly, holding up the gown Helen had favored. "Yes, you'd better take off your waist, too. You can't tell anything about it unless you do."

As the saleswoman hooked up the gown Helen gazed in the long mirror with thrilled surprise. She could hardly realize that the vision reflected there was really herself. The gown was exquisitely beautiful, and the pale pink chiffon and pearl beads brought out all the satiny fairness of her bare neck and arms.

But she had never before paid as much as \$75 for an evening gown, and to pay that for one in this condition! It was undoubtedly soiled and many of the beads were off. Besides, it was too large, the whole dress would have to be altered.

"We can easily alter that to fit you," declared the saleslady, as Helen took up both sides of the waist to show its looseness. "And that delicate color suits you perfectly."

"What would you charge for the alterations?" "I can't tell you exactly—the fitter will have to see it—but it'll be about \$8."

That would make the dress \$83! Helen was thinking fast. Could she pay that much? What would Warren say?

"Now this one is almost your size and would need very little alteration," holding up the gown of deeper pink. "Oh, no; I don't care for that at all," for to Helen it looked almost cheap and gaudy beside the pale delicateness of the one she had pinned up. "You could alter that yourself," suggested the saleswoman. "I'll have one of the fitters come in and pin it up on you. And those beads," as she saw Helen examining a place where a whole strand was off, "I'm sure you can match those down stairs."

Helen Decides. "Very well—I'll take it," said Helen finally, with a sort of desperation, for all winter she had waited to get an evening gown at the January stock-taking sale. "If you'll have it pinned up, I'll try to alter it myself."

In a few moments the saleswoman returned with a fitter. "I'm afraid I'll have to rip that skirt off, ma'am, to pin it up right. You see, it's much too long waisted."

With practiced fingers she ripped off the skirt, took up the seams of the waist and shoulders, pinned back the skirt at a higher waist line, taking in the darts around the hips to fit Helen's slenderness.

For almost an hour Helen stood while the clever little Frenchwoman practically made over the dress on her—and all with pins.

"Now, you'll have to be very careful," she warned, "so that the pins won't come out before you can get it sewed. Let me help you take it off—it may be pinned through."

Helen, who could hardly wait to get to work on the dress, decided to take it home with her instead of having it sent. As it was very soft and sheer, it was easily packed in a small box, and in less than an hour she had it home and spread out on the bed.

It was fairly bristling with pins, some of which she had to take out to get at those underneath. Others had fallen out and many had slipped and were merely hanging by the point, so she could not tell how much she had taken in. Many of the beads, too, came off as she worked.

She realized that the dress was in far worse condition than she had thought, and that even if she could get it to fit her, the material was too delicate to ever give much service.

Helen's Difficult Task. When she finally spread a sheet before her dresser and tried it on, she found that the whole waist was askew. The loosened pins had not been good guides. She took it off and ripped out most of what she had done. Then she found she would have to take the skirt entirely off and alter the waist alone before she put it back.

Of course, she did not speak to Warren about the dress that evening, for he would have wanted to see it, and there would have been little to show for her seventy-five dollars. For a gown, however exquisite, when it is ripped up looks most unimpressive, and in its disfigured state the soiled chiffon and the frayed beads were much more conspicuous.

That night Helen slept very little, for she was in the throes of regret that she bought the gown, an anguish that at some time every woman knows. She had visions of all the other gowns, fresh, serviceable, gowns, that she might have bought for seventy-five dollars.

Toward morning she fell into a troubled sleep, to dream that she was wearing the gown at some formal dinner, and the beads, which seemed as big as billiard balls, kept falling off and rolling over the table.

"What's the matter with you?" questioned Warren at the breakfast. "Don't look very chipper, do you?"

"Oh, I didn't sleep very well. It must be this damp, murky weather."

As soon as Warren was safely off, Helen again got to work on the gown, beginning now at the very foundation. It took her fully three days before she finally got it "right," and still another day to take the beads. They were all sewed with a single thread, and when one came off more would follow. So she reserved them all, and bought eight new strands to replace those that had been lost.

HELEN BUYS AN IMPORTED GOWN AT A JANUARY STOCK TAKING SALE.

She had had the dress charged, and as this was the last week of the month she had been anxious to get it finished so that Warren might see it before he received the bill.

Warren is Pleased. "Dear, you know I've been needing a new evening gown all winter," was the way she brought up the subject that night after dinner. "So I've bought one at Hallman's—you know how they reduce everything there just before they take stock. It's really very beautiful, I think. Don't you want to see it?"

"All right," indifferently. "Trot it out."

"Shall I put it on?" shyly. "You can tell more about it."

He nodded, without looking up from his paper and shuttling into her room. She dressed throughout, even to her white satin slippers, for she wanted his first view of the gown to be an effective one.

Her cheeks were flushed and her eyes bright with excitement, and even Maggie stared with surprise at the charming vision when Helen called her in to hook the gown.

There was enough of the actress in Helen's nature for her to instinctively plan to make the entrance before Warren a dramatic one. So when she finally trailed in she stood motionless in the doorway until he looked up, knowing the darkened room beyond made an effective background.

She was thrillingly conscious of the quick admiration in his eyes as they rested upon her. "Why, Kitten," as he jumped up and came toward her, "Isn't it lovely!" she laughed happily.

"It's stunning! You've never had anything so becoming!"

"I've never had an imported evening gown before."

"Turn around," he demanded. Slowly she turned, trailing the full length of the room.

"It was really a hundred and eighty-five dollars at the beginning of the season," she explained, "but it had been marked down to seventy-five. Don't you think that was cheap for it?"

"I should say it was! That's the best looking gown I've seen. And it's not a bad looking little gown, is it either," as he stooped to kiss her bare shoulder.

And Helen felt then, even though the gown would never be serviceable one, that the seventy-five dollars and all her work and worry had been well expended.

MEN GO BACK ON STRIKE

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